



MADISON COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2023

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on March 16, 2023. The meeting came to order at 7:10 pm. Those present were: Dana Escott (Fairgrounds Manager), Jimilea Grose (Fairgrounds Secretary), L.J. Pancost (Chairperson), Jake Barnosky (Vice Chairperson), Mark Hoyt (Board Member), Bob Lancaster (Fairgrounds Maintenance), Kathy Moeykens (Fair Foundation Advisory Board), Ron Nye (Commissioner), Rodney Braaten (Fair Foundation Board President), Jim Anderson (Foundation), Chief Croy (Guest), and Jackie Haines (Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District Executive Director, via Zoom). Jimilea took the minutes.

Call Meeting to Order:

7:15 pm: Pledge Allegiance

7:15-7:25: Fair Foundation Update: Rodney advised he has spoken to Jim at Pepsi and the main thing they want to consider is to advertise correctly on the board for the community. Jim will work on getting a policy regarding use for fairgrounds to Rodney.

7:30 pm: Historic Preservations Grants: Jackie Haines (via Zoom) explained the grants that were available for the Fairgrounds. The Department of Commerce Grant was discussed. Montana Historical grants were also discussed. The grants require a match. Jackie suggested putting a list of projects together for historic buildings which could be done in phases and the historical society would be a great place to start for the smaller historic grants available. Other grants were discussed that would be more in depth and take a lot information to apply for. Dana and Jackie will meet and start the process for the Historical Site Grants which are available.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Public Discussion and/or Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda but Within the Board's Jurisdiction: Communications:** None
2. **Communications:** None
3. **Fair Board Member Recommendation:** Jake moved to recommend Chief Croy for the Fair Board position. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Dana will send the recommendation to the County Commissioners.
4. **Summer Employees:** Dana stated that we had some applicants and interview times and a date are being determined. Jake moved to send the interview committee selection to the County Commissioners after the interviews are conducted. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Dana will send the recommendations to the Commissioners after the interviews.
5. **Tractor:** There were two advertising proposals for the bid process discussed. Mark and Dana will work on changing some items in the simple bid. Jake moved to have the bid sent

to the Commissioners before the bid was made public. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Dana will send the bid to the Commissioners after her and Mark make a few changes the Fair board wanted in the bid.

6. **Pavilion Chinking:** Dana has spoken with a couple of parties interested in finishing the chinking on the Pavilion. Dana has been in contact with the County Attorney regarding retrieving the stain. The Board would like permission in writing from the person who has the stain before it is retrieved. Dana will contact the County Attorney to get the permission needed.
7. **Event Center:** There were two maps passed around for the Fair board to look at. The general consensus was the first map showed the best location for the event center which is west of the dairy barn. Mark moved to have Dana send a recommendation to the Commissioners to approve the map. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye. The motion carried. Dana will send the map to the Commissioners.
8. **Reports:**
 - Board: None
 - Fair Manager: Minutes: Jake moved to approve the February 13th, 2023 minutes with no corrections. Mark seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. Cash is \$221,633.84.
 - 4H: None
 - Livestock Sales Committee: None
9. **Fair:**
 - Miscellaneous: The fair dates for 2024 were discussed. The decision was made to have the Fair August 15-18, 2024. Mark moved to have the fair August 15-18, 2024. Jake seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed. The 2024 Fair will be August 15-18 2024.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson